

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Thursday	10am Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion 7 - 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Sunday	8am Holy Communion
Sunday	10am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

For those in need: Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley (thanks for healing so far and pray for continued improvement).

Those we remember: June McKinlay (2/8/04); Jyo Sen (2/8/94); Mary Reid (6/8/94); Toby Grahame (6/8/12); Michael Sawer (8/8/14).

For Next Sunday -

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Reader & Readings

Rhonda Evans: Isaiah 5.1-7; Hebrews 11.29-12.2

Liturgical Assistant

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Crucifer:

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Denise Manley & Doreen Odom

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Davidson family

Liturgical Assistant

Linda Anchell

Leighton Mann

Sidespeople

Jan & Tim Gulliver

Readers & Readings

Fred Anchell: Isaiah 5.1-7

Linda Anchell: Hebrews 11.29-12.2

Doreen Odom & family



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 7 August 2016

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 266, 265, 233 & 473

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Matthew 24.42, 44

Prayer of the day

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-28;
Luke 12.32-40

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster People - Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson:; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone;

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Gheeta Sekhon (OT), Jack Adams (NT); Chalices: Tim Gulliver & James Kim; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & family

Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24

1 The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:
and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting in the


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west.
 2 From Zion, perfect in beauty:
 God has shone out in glory.
 3 Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
 before him is devouring fire, and tempest whirls about him.
 4 He calls to the heavens above:
 and to the earth, so he may judge his people.
 5 `Gather to me my faithful ones:
 those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.'
 6 The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
 for God himself is judge.
 7 `Listen my people, and I will speak:
 O Israel, I am God your God, and I will give my testimony.
 8 `It is not for your sacrifices that I reprove you:
 for your burnt-offerings are always before me.
 23 `O consider this, you who forget God:
 lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no one to save you.
 24 `He honours me who brings sacrifice of thanksgiving:
 and to him who keeps to my way I will show the salvation of God.'

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24

The poem is not a prayer nor a lament but a prophetic admonition to the people of God about true and false worship. God speaks directly to the people about worship and faithfulness.

Today we read only a small selection of the psalm and that selection is all but meaningless without reading verses 7-21 which contains the substance of God's charge against the people's worship and behaviour.

God summons his people and all the earth to appear before him (1-2) to hear what he has to say. In the city of God, the beautiful Jerusalem, God shines as an overpowering light (see 2Corinthians 4.6). Light attracts attention and that is why it is associated with glory but it also helps us see what is there and perhaps that is its greatest glory. God is about to light up Israel's darkest corners.

God comes and speaks about what God sees in the bright light of his character (3-6) and it will be like hot fire and a cyclone. In verse 21 we see that the people have mistaken God's silence on their behaviour as collusion with it.

Three themes that God wishes to address with his people are sacrifice and covenant (5) and their faithfulness to the covenant.

God begins his charge against the people (7-8) in a solemn way reminding them of his covenant name and then addresses the issue of sacrifice. At this point our reading leaves us.

Read on and see what God says about sacrifice and worship. God does not need such things; he is the creator after all. Worship is not to sustain the deity, as in paganism, but to offer thanks and praise for God's friendship.

Having addressed the nature of worship God turns his light on their covenant unfaithfulness (16-21). They reject the word of God; they prefer the friendship of thieves, adulterers and slanderers, liars and deceivers to that of God.

God's character is the pattern for human social life. Everything must be in the

right relationship. The psalm uses threatening and accusatory language which most people find unacceptable today and therefore we miss the point the psalm is making: friendship with God means justice and compassion for all.

The psalm concludes with the offer of another way (23-24). Understanding must replace misunderstanding; justice and right relations must replace their present socially destructive ways. God will always save.

Colin

PRAYERS

. We pray for our children and young families. We pray we find someone to minister to them and we give thanks for the opportunities we have in this Parish. **Amen.**

. Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will love and care for us all, who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

. God of mercy, we know that you remember the homeless, the destitute, the disadvantaged and those who have no-one to care for them. In our efforts to minister to their needs we thank you for the ministry of Revd. Robin Moore at Northbourne Community Centre and we pray that you will guide us to secure funding in this time of great financial stress. For Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

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**St Philip's Calendar**

<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Sunday 14 Aug 12-2.30 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre

Friday 26 Aug 5-7pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Brazil Olympics

Friday 9 Sep – Sunday 11 Sep – **Canberra & Goulburn Synod**, Goulburn

**Notices** Please see the website, [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or the noticeboard in the foyer.

Our **Spring Fling** is on Saturday 17 September, 10am – 2pm.

We are looking for music acts for entertainment and any new stall ideas. Please talk to Leighton or Helen. There will again be a Better Bits stall. If you have any treasures such as jewellery, china or other small items, please bring them to church from Sunday 21 August or advise Kerry-Anne if they need to be collected. It is hard to believe, I know, but stocks have got low!

**TODAY: National Mission Project 2016 – .Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns (an ABM project)**

The main purpose of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology & community development.

Based in Cairns, the College provides leadership training for Indigenous people in Queensland and beyond. The College has grown substantially in recent years with five courses running. If you would like to contribute towards St Philip's donation to the college please use the envelopes provided or EFT to BSB: 702389, Acc No: 05202512, Name: St Philip's Anglican Church, Ref: National Mission Project.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The church carpark has been resurfaced and is once again free from potholes and puddles!! With thanks to Tim Gulliver and Roger Sharp for organizing and overseeing this.